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SUBJECT: DENIAL OF US DISC DRIVE FOR USE IN PLOTTING
SYSTEM

1) USDEL IS REQUESTED TO (1) INFORM COCOM THAT THE US
RECENTLY DENIED THE EXPORT TO A MEMBER COUNTRY OF A DISC
DRIVE EMBARGOED BY IL-1565 FOR USE AS A COMPONENT IN A
COMPUTERIZED GRAPHIC INPUT/OUTPUT DRAFTING SYSTEM CAPABLE
OF USE IN FABRICATING PHOTOMASKS FOR SEMICONDUCTORS WHICH
WAS MANUFACTURED BY A NON-MEMBER COUNTRY AND CONSIGNED TO
A PROSCRIBED DESTINATION, AND (2) EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE
OTHER MEMBERS WILL TAKE SIMILAR ACTION REGARDING DISC
DRIVES AND OTHER EMBARGOED COMPONENTS FOR USE IN EQUIPMENT
CAPABLE OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES.

2) BACKGROUND FOR USDEL:

(A) DENIED DISC DRIVE WAS A DIABLO MODEL 31 FOR EXPORT TO
THE UK FIRM OF DATA RECORDING INSTRUMENTS, STAINES,
MIDDLESEX, FOR USE AS A COMPONENT IN A SWISS-MADE CORA II
COMPUTER WHICH, IN TURN, WOULD BE INCORPORATED IN A
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SWISS CORAGRAPH DC2 DRAFTING SYSTEM CONSIGNED TO

CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE DISC DRIVE/COMPUTER COMBINATION
EXCEEDED NOTE 9 SINCE THE OVERALL SYSTEM WOULD BE

EMBARGOED BY IL-1565(D)(3). THE SWISS CORAGRAPH DC2 IS A
PROGRAMMABLE FLATBED PLOTTER CAPABLE OF USE IN PHOTOMASK
FABRICATION FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES AND CAN PERFORM
COMPUTER-AIDED-DESIGN (CAD) FUNCTIONS AS WELL. WE REGARD
THE CORAGRAPH SYSTEM AS BEING EMBARGOED BY IL-1355(B)(5).
MOST MEMBERS PROBABLY WILL NOT CONSIDER FLATBED PLOTTERS
TO BE EMBARGOED BUT USDEL CAN POINT TO CAD FEATURES, IF
NECESSARY, AND RECALL UK CONCERN RE THOSE FEATURES
EXPRESSED IN COCOM DOC. (74)2280.

(B) THE OVERALL UK-SWISS TRANSACTION ALSO INVOLVES, AS WE
SEE IT, THE INTENT OF AP 4, ALTHOUGH IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER
(I) THE UK AUTHORITIES WERE AWARE OF THE TRANSACTION AND
WOULD, IN FACT, LICENSE ITS EXPORT AND (II) THE SWISS
SYSTEM WAS TO BE EXPORTED FROM THE UK OR SWITZERLAND. (WE
HAVE NO RECORD OF A UK EXCEPTIONS REQUEST FOR EITHER THE
DISC DRIVE OR THE CORAGRAPH SYSTEM.) BACKGROUND INFOR-
MATION RE EXPORTS OF EMBARGOED COMPONENTS BY COCOM
MEMBERS TO NON-MEMBERS FOR INCORPORATION IN EMBARGOED
EQUIPMENT MADE BY NON-MEMBERS AND SOLD TO PROSCRIBED
DESTINATIONS MAY BE FOUND IN THE RECORDS OF THE 1967
EXPORT CONTROL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING, PARTICULARLY COCOM
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